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GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS IS SUPPLANTED BY EMPEROR

Deposed Commander-in-Chief Is Shelled in Caucasus.

Change One of Most Important of Great War.

CZAR IN SUPREME COMMAND

Monarch to Direct Armies on Sea and Land.

Fall of Ruler's Cousin Starting as Was Von Moltke's.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—German forces that have been engaged in battle with the Russian in the district north of the Bielovizh forest have captured the city of Wolowysk. It was announced by German army headquarters today.

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—(via London).—Grand Duke Nicholas has been transferred to the Caucasus by Emperor Nicholas.

The emperor took this action on assuming command of the military and naval forces of Russia. In transferring the grand duke, he appointed him viceroy of the Caucasus and commander-in-chief of the army in the southern front.

Emperor Seizes Reins. London, Sept. 8.—An army order issued by Grand Duke Nicholas, who has been commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, conveys the inference that Emperor Nicholas, in assuming command of his armed forces, has supplanted the grand duke.

The czar's order is addressed to "The Valiant Army and Fleet." The announcement was forwarded from Petrograd to Reuters Telegram company, says the emperor has placed himself at the head of the military and naval forces. The grand duke thanks them for their heroism in past, and predicts that with the emperor leading them, they will perform fresh exploits.

The text of the czar's order is quoted as follows: "Today I have taken supreme command of all my forces of the sea, and of the land armies operating in the theater of war."

"With firm faith in the clemency of God, and with unshaken assurance of final victory, we shall fulfill our sacred duty to defend our country to the last. We shall not dishonor the Russian land."

The Fall of Grand Duke Nicholas. The action of Emperor Nicholas in transferring his cousin, the grand duke, to the Caucasian front, is perhaps the most important change of this nature which has been made by any of the belligerent nations. The only comparable incident was the retirement of Emperor William from the front of last year of Lieut. Gen. Count Helmuth von Moltke as chief of the general staff.

The post to which Grand Duke Nicholas has been transferred is of relative unimportance as compared with the prestige and vast powers of his former office as commander-in-chief of all Russian forces. While the Caucasian campaign presents only a minor aspect of the war, the Russian and Turkish forces involved in the struggle in the Black Sea region are not large.

Although there was heavy fighting in the Caucasus earlier in the war, hostilities have been conducted in only a few frontier mountain regions. Several months ago both of the nations involved had need of all available forces in other quarters.

OPENS NEXT WEEK

Fall Term at Washburn Will Begin September 15.

Already Students Are Beginning to Enroll in Numbers.

The fall term at Washburn college will begin September 15 with registration day. Students are beginning to enroll and teachers of the different departments are returning to Topeka following the summer vacation. By the end of week all teachers will have returned and the enrollment figures will be rapidly mounting toward the 900 mark which the college hopes to set this year.

Among the instructors who returned to Topeka today were Prof. M. L. Hyde of the history department and Prof. T. W. Todd, teacher of German. Prof. Hyde has been spending his vacation in Connecticut and Prof. Todd has been in Colorado this summer.

WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

British cross the Marne. Believed success of German offensive against the Marne greater than war office announcements indicate.

Berlin reports Manneburg taken, with 40,000 prisoners. Bordeaux dispatch denies.

St. Petersburg reports Russian Poland free of Austrians.

The Kaiser has sent a protest to President Wilson against the participation of Belgium people in the war and a statement of regret at the destruction of interesting places. Declares the English are using dum-dum bullets.

CZAR DEPOSES GRAND DUKE.



The Czar of all the Russias and Grand Duke Nicholas, whom the Czar supplanted as commander in chief of the Russian armies.

BRIDGE TRUST RUN TO EARTH

State Investigators Traced It to Its Lair.

Plans Are in Preparation to Smoke It Out.

NINE COMPANIES INVOLVED

Ouster Proceedings to Be Filed Against Every One.

Anti-Trust Suits Also Will Be Instituted.

Outer proceedings are to be filed against nine bridge companies, members of the alleged bridge trust in Kansas. That was the statement today of S. M. Brewster, attorney general, who will act on information filed with him today by A. M. Keene of Fort Scott, special assistant attorney general in the bridge trust investigation.

In his letter to the attorney general, Keene states that he has found evidence that bridge contracts are manipulated. This evidence, he believes, warrants the bringing of ouster suits, as well as anti-trust cases against the nine corporations. Names of the bridge companies were not disclosed. It is reported, however, that virtually every bridge company operating in Kansas, except a few local contractors, will be made parties to the suits. Formal petitions in the anti-trust and ouster suits will not be filed until late this month, when Brewster returns from his vacation. Brewster leaves Wednesday for California and in his absence papers will be prepared by Keene and A. W. Benson, former associate justice of the supreme court. These attorneys have been in charge of the bridge investigations in this state.

"There are at this time nine lead-

10 DIE IN AIR RAID

Zeppelins Shower Destruction on English Coast.

Forty-Eight Persons Wounded; Much Property Wrecked.

London, Sept. 8.—Ten persons were killed and forty-eight wounded in the German air raid on the east coast of England last night.

The official account of the raid as given out here today follows: "Three Zeppelins visited the eastern counties last night and dropped bombs. Anti-air craft guns were in action. Aeroplanes went up but were unable to locate the airships."

"Fifteen small dwelling houses were demolished or seriously damaged and a large number of doors, windows, etc., were broken. Several fires were caused, but were promptly extinguished. There was no other serious damage."

The following casualties have been reported: Killed—Two men 3 women, 5 children; a total of 10. Wounded, serious—four men, 11 women, 5 children; a total of 20. Wounded, slightly—nine men, 5 women, 9 children; a total of 23. Total casualties, 56.

"All the above were civilians except one soldier who is reported to have been wounded seriously."

More Zeppelins to England.

Amsterdam, Sept. 8.—(via London).—Three airships coming from the east passed over Dordrecht, in south Holland, at 6:30 this morning. They were traveling in the direction of the English coast. Another airship passed over a suburb of Amsterdam. It came from the southwest and disappeared in an easterly direction.

DAWSON DEFENDS GAS CASE FEES

He Criticizes the Action of Governor Capper.

Declares Himself Entitled to the Money Collected.

NOT A TORPEDO?

German Dispute Stories Told by Hesperian Passengers.

Ever-Increasing Doubt Evidenced in Official Circles.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—Persons in a position to speak positively on the conviction that the steamship Hesperian was not torpedoed by a German submarine, at least under the conditions thus far described.

The assumption that the Hesperian was sunk by a German submarine is not without considerable doubt in official circles. Although authorized comment is withheld for the time, the positiveness of the opinions expressed informally by individuals may be assumed to have authoritative information is noteworthy. In these quarters it is believed the Hesperian must have struck a mine, or possibly was destroyed by some agency from within; that it may be regarded as certain she was not torpedoed by a German submarine under the conditions set forth in press dispatches and in accounts given by passengers.

These persons point out that such details given in press reports as the shock of the impact, the column of water thrown up and the flying fragments of the ship, are not in accordance with the theory that the Hesperian struck a mine as to the assumption that she was torpedoed. Moreover, the Hesperian is not a submarine positive indication that a submarine was concerned. The degree of assurance with which this theory is advanced is said to be based on knowledge of additional information issued to submarine commanders since the Arabic was sunk. Neither diplomatic nor official officials, however, will give any information on this subject.

COOL WAVE IS COMING

A Drop in Temperature Is Promised for Tonight.

The warmest night since July 18 was experienced in Topeka Tuesday night. The lowest temperature was 75 degrees at an early hour this morning.

This is 12 degrees above normal for this date. "Sunny" Flora, however, promises cooler weather tonight. The temperature in the western part of the state last night was much lower than at Topeka and the cool weather is coming this way. The temperature dropped slightly during the rain this morning.

The forecast calls for unsettled weather with probable showers tonight and Thursday; cooler tonight and in the south part of the state Thursday.

The clouds today did not prevent high temperatures. The thermometer registered 72 at 8 o'clock this morning and the mercury rose rapidly from that time, standing at 86 at 2 o'clock. The wind blew from the southwest at a rate of ten miles an hour. Following are the hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock.....72 12 o'clock.....76 3 o'clock.....72 6 o'clock.....78 9 o'clock.....72 1 o'clock.....86 10 o'clock.....72 3 o'clock.....74

A few drops of rain fell at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, but within half an hour the sky was clearing and the threatened storm did not strike. The temperature dropped 12 degrees between 2 and 3 o'clock. At 3 o'clock the temperature stood at 74 degrees.

GERMANY, SURE OF VICTORY, NOT CRAVING PEACE

Berlin Resolved to Wage War of Exhaustion, if Necessary.

Convinced of Ability to Break Through in West.

SHE CAN FIGHT INDEFINITELY

Overtures Must Come Directly From Her Enemies.

Ed L. Keen Sees Desire to Placate America.

BY ED L. KEEN. London, Sept. 8.—Germany is not angling for peace. She was never more confident of the ultimate outcome, even if the world conflict should resolve itself into a war of exhaustion. Germans generally appreciate that their task on the western front is vastly more difficult than in the east, but they are absolutely convinced of their ability to break through the Anglo-French lines when desirable.

In all quarters in Berlin it is asserted that Germany is equipped not only from the military standpoint but also financially and economically to continue the struggle indefinitely. I have just returned from a week's visit to Berlin. The above conclusions are based upon personal observation and conversations with Germans of low and high degree, among the latter several important government officials.

Berlin in Joyous Mood. When I arrived in the German capital the residents were celebrating the official news of tremendous captures of Russian prisoners and munitions. I found no basis for the allegation that Germany is putting forth peace overtures. I asked one of the highest German officials whether Germany

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BILLION BUSHEL WHEAT CROP IS NOW PREDICTED

Government Report Shows Big Increase in Estimates.

Spring Yield Greatly Increased Since August Predictions.

CORN ESTIMATES ARE RAISED

Condition of Crop Reported 78.8 Per Cent of Normal.

Potato Crop Not as Good as Last Year's.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Prospects of a billion bushel wheat crop this year were increased by today's government report which forecast 981,000,000 bushels based on its September 1 canvass. Spring wheat indicates a crop of 322,000,000 bushels, an increase of 15,000,000 since the August prediction was made.

More definite information as to the size of the important farm crops, several of them the largest ever grown, and which are now being harvested or approaching harvest, was given today by the department of agriculture's crop reporting board which forecast the production from reports showing the condition of the crops on September 1.

These forecasts are given below with the forecasts based on August 1 conditions, the final production in 1914 and the average production for the years from 1909 to 1913 (in millions of bushels, i. e., 600,000's omitted).

Crops—	September Forecast	August Forecast	1914	Average, 1909-1913
Winter wheat.....	659	659	685	441
Spring wheat.....	322	307	296	249
All wheat.....	981	966	981	690
Corn.....	2,985	2,918	2,673	2,708
Oats.....	1,408	1,402	1,141	1,151
Barley.....	225	211	185	182
Rye.....	44	44	43	35
White potatoes.....	406	431	406	357
Sweet potatoes.....	65	63	57	58
Tobacco (lbs.).....	1,129	1,085	1,053	999
Flax.....	18	18	16	20
Rice.....	29	29	26	24
Hay.....	87	87	79	79
Apples.....	214	205	233	176
Peaches.....	64	60	34	42

*Preliminary estimate.

Comparison of the September with the August forecast will show the change in bushels in the harvest prospects as effected by weather and other conditions during August.

Details of each crop, other than total production, as announced by the department follows:

Spring wheat: Condition 94.6 per cent of a normal, compared with 93.4 last month, 68.0 last year and 76.8 the year before.

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IN FUNSTON GRIP

Major General to Rule Over Vast Texas Region.

Army Takes Added Precaution Against Border Disorders.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Announcement that Major General Funston, commanding American troops in Texas, would establish military control in the lower Rio Grande country was interpreted here today as an added precaution against the recurrence of frontier disorders. No clashes between Mexican bandits and Americans had been reported in the last forty-eight hours, but news dispatches stated more evidence had been found of conspiracy among Mexicans on both sides of the river to overthrow American authority in the border country. General Funston has broad powers for dealing with emergency.

Attention was somewhat diverted from the border situation today by speculation over the next move of the

BASEBALL TODAY.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Chicago—First game.
Score:..... R H E
Philadelphia..... 1 5 1
Boston..... 0 7 2
Batteries: Cheehan and McAvoy; Leonard and Carrigan.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Brooklyn—First game—
Score:..... R H E
Boston..... 12 16 0
Brooklyn..... 1 5 0
Batteries: Nehf, Hughes and Whaling; Gowdy, Marquard, Appleton and Miller, McCarty.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.
At Buffalo—First game—
Score:..... R H E
Brooklyn..... 0 5 0
Buffalo..... 4 6 0
Batteries: Johnson and Owens; Schulz and Allen.

At Newark—First game.
Score:..... R H E
Brooklyn..... 12 16 0
Newark..... 4 10 1
Batteries: Marion and Land; Kaiserling and Rariden.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Unsettled with probable showers tonight and Thursday; cooler tonight and in south part of state Thursday.

DUMBA INCIDENT PROMPTS WILSON TO SALLY FORTH

President Quits White House to See Lansing.

All Notions of "Dignity" and Precedent Smashed.

MUNITIONS PLOT THICKENS

Envoy Says He Acted on Orders From Vienna.

Use of American Passport Cause for Grave Concern.

Washington, Sept. 8.—President Wilson went to the state department today and conferred with Secretary Lansing. It was generally understood they discussed the case of Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador.

The president's action was so unusual that white house and state department attaches were slow to realize what had happened.

So far as officials could recall, the only precedent for a president's going to call on a secretary of state was recorded when President McKinley called on Secretary Day.

The president's call was not arranged in advance. He left his study and passed out of the executive offices through a little used entrance, crossed the avenue which separates the white house grounds from the state war and navy building, and walked up the main stairway untended, while dozens of surprised tourists and employees stopped to look.

Catches Lansing in Shirt Sleeves. The president continued on up the inner stairways and into one of the long corridors leading to Secretary Lansing's private office, where he passed by the messenger at the door and entered unannounced. Mrs. Lansing was calling on her husband and the secretary was at his desk with his coat removed, as is his custom, ready to begin a day's work.

Men of the secret service guard piled out of the white house and into the state department building through the main entrance.

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DEATH IN FLOOD

Fatalities in Kansas May Exceed Known List of Four.

Charles Scott Directs Relief at Stricken Iola.

Iola, Kan., Sept. 8.—Estimates of property damage increased today as flooding waters in southeast Kansas revealed the extent of destruction by numerous small streams yesterday which were swelled to roaring torrents by a six inch cloudburst. Probably \$200,000 damage was done here and an even larger amount at Fort Scott.

"Early today, however, there had been no increase in the estimate of lives lost, though rescue workers feared to find human toll in every flood damaged residence and business building which they investigated. Four section hands drowned yesterday apparently have been the only casualties.

There are several small communities yet to report the extent of their losses when communication is restored.

Sanitary and relief measures already

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MORE SHIPS SENT DOWN

French Vessel Guatemala Follows Sister Bordeaux to Bottom.

Paris, Sept. 8.—The French steamship Guatemala has been torpedoed and sunk about fifty miles off Belle Isle. Her crew escaped in two boats. The men were picked up by a British steamer and taken into Nazaire.

The Guatemala, 5,313 tons gross and 337 feet long, was owned by the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique, the sinking of which by a submarine was announced yesterday. The latest report of the Guatemala's movement was received at St. Nazaire July 23, from the Buenos Aires.